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BY E-MAIL

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Dear Mr Reid

Court Slots

We are presently working towards accommodating a material increase in summary criminal business in Glasgow with effect from Monday, 6 July 2020.

As currently envisaged, first diet courts, remand courts, diet courts and problem solving courts (both alcohol and drugs) will sit from that week. Traditionally, a considerable number of accused persons would attend these courts. To allow for the requisite social distancing guidelines, the number of accused persons who can be accommodated within the courts at any one time will be greatly restricted. Equally, we require to schedule business in such a way that we are not asking too many of your members to be in a court at any one time.

In an attempt to address this, we will operate a system in which each case is allocated a "slot". The precise number of slots in particular types of court will vary and is presently the subject of discussion.

We are anxious to accommodate, wherever possible, the situation where one of your members has more than one case in a particular court. For all the reasons set out above, it will be sensible, again wherever possible, to have those cases allocated to the same slot.

With that in mind, if you can provide to us by close of business on Friday, 26 June details of (a) your members' name; (b) the dates or dates upon which they have more than one case calling in a particular court in the week commencing 6 July 2020; and (c) the court or courts in question, we will endeavour to allocate slots to take account of that.

We would aim to provide the slots to your members by no later than Wednesday, 1 July 2020 – to enable your members to tell their clients exactly when they are expected to attend.

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Clients will not be permitted into the relevant court room before the allocated time.

Assuming this is of interest, it would continue to work on a rolling basis thereafter (i.e. you would provide to us by Friday 3 July the relevant information for the week commencing Monday 13 July, and so on.

I hope the reasons for implementing such a system will be appreciated by your members. Their cooperation in this matter, particularly in relation to telling their clients exactly when to attend, we would greatly appreciate it.

I will be happy to discuss matters with you, if that would assist.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Turnbull'.

Craig Turnbull
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